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- 1. SCIATT CALLED ON JOINT BOARD CO-CHAIRMAN PAWLISZEWSKI AND RAISED POINTS IN REFTEL B IN SUPPORT OF U.S. POSITION ON ZLOTY PER-DIEM PAYMENT. PAWLISZEWSKI INDICATED HE IS STILL CONFERRING WITH FINANCE MINISTRY AND OTHERS TO PROVIDE A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO OUR ORIGINAL DEMARCHE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, PAWLISZEWSKI NOTED THAT THE PER-DIEM RATE FOR U.S. SCIENTISTS IN POLAND (I.E., 1,105 ZLOTIES AT PRESENT) WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE U.S. UNILATERALLY. HE FELT THAT IF THE POLISH INSTITUTES WERE REQUIRED TO ISSUE PER-DIEM PAYMENTS UNDER JOINT-FUND PROGRAMS, THESE SHOULD BE SET IN CONSULTATION WITH TEHE POLISH SIDE.
- 2. PAWLISZEWSKI ALSO RETURNED TO THE THEME OF THE ADMINISTR-TIVE DIFFICULTIES THE INSTITUTES WOULD HAVE IN MAKING SUCH PAYMENTS. HE STATED THIS WOULD REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF A SPECIAL REGULATION IN THE POLISH EQUIVALENT OF THE FEDERAL REGISTER, AND OPINED THAT IT WOULD BE ESSENTIAL FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALL U.S. AGENCIES TO FOLLOW THE SAME PROCEDURE. THE EMBASSY

WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING IN THIS REGARD WHETHER ALL U.S. TECHNICAL AGENCIES WOULD BE PREPARED TO SWITCH TO NEW SYSTEM FOR PER-DIEM PAYMENTS HERE.

3. COMMENT: PAWLISZEWSKI WAS GENUINELY UPSET OVER NEWS OF TREASURY DECISION TO MAKE ZLOTY NON-EXCESS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976 (REFTEL C), AND APPEARED IN NO MOOD TO COMPROMISE ON ZLOTY PER-DIEM ISSUE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE FELT THE TREASURY DECISION WAS A VIOLATION OF THE SPIRIT AND QUITE POSSIBLY OF THE LETTER OF THE OCTOBER 8, 1974, JOINT FUND AGREEMENT. HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE POLISH SIDE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN MAKING THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE THE U.S. POSITION ON THE PER-DIEM ISSUE, WHEN THE ENTIRE JOINT FUND MECHANISM IS NOW IN QUESTION. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT AND HEW TO RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE FOR THE REASONS STATED REFTEL A. IT WILL REMOVE A MINOR IRRITANT THAT IS CERTAINLY NOT NEEDED UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

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